Payment of Income tax by M.S.R.T.C.

129. Sri M. K. BOMME GOWDA (K. R. Pet).—

Will the Minister for Transport be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the amount of Income Tax that is being paid by the M.S.R. T.C. Corporation to Central Government ;

(*b*) whether there is any proposal to hand over the said Corporation to Central Government;

(*c*) whether they are aware that the passengers are inconvenienced due to non adherence of Scheduled timings by M.S.R.T.C. buses ?

A.— Sri MOHAMED ALI (Minister for Transport).—

(*a*) About Rs. 37 lakhs per annum.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No.

Strength of Ministries in the States

130. Sri M. S. KRISHNAN (Malleswaram).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether he is aware of recommendations of the party committee on defections in respect of strength of Ministries in the States ;

(*b*) if so, whether there is any proposal to act upon these healthy recommendations and reduce the size of the present Ministry in the State ?

A.— Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) The recommendations of all party committee are still under consideration at Government of India level. They have not been finalised and communicated to States as yet. Further action can only be considered after receipt of a communication from the Government of India.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of clause (*a*).

(*Many members rose*)

Mr. SPEAKER.—The hon. Members may resume their seats ; it is not possible to carry on in this way, The rules may be followed.

Sri M. S. KRISHNAN.—Question 130 pertains to the strength of Ministries in the States. I was, of course, a bit late in coming to the House and when I was entering the House the next question was being called. You were, however, pleased to tell me then that the Chair itself would put the question. I would therefore request to put it because it is an important question.